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MR. SKOLNICK DESCRIBES AIR ACADEMY

Mr. David Skolnick, recently returned from a three day stay at the United States Air Force Academy, gave an enthusiastic report of life at the academy. He also explained the basic ideals of the academy, and the way that interested students could gain entrance.

The "three threads," or basic ideas upon which the academy bases itself, are academic achievement, physical toughness and dedication to job. The first thread stands out as soon as one looks down the list of accomplishments of each cadet. In order to gain entrance to this academy or one of the other two, a candidate must submit his name to his congressman. After the congressman, (Representative Boland represents the Agawam area), chooses the most likely candidates by screening each applicant by interviews and a written Civil Service exam, six alternates per academy are chosen according to their abilities. Now comes the second part of the "threads." The candidates are each sent out in the wilderness on the large 17,900 acre campus and left to their own devices in the company of non-commissioned officers. The candidates, only with an ax and a rifle, stay out in the bush with limited amounts of food. The students that make it through this survival test are commissioned as cadets. At this stage some cadets resign their commissions and leave. The remaining students learn the all-important dedication to job.

An average student takes four years of study and by the end of the four years has been tested on ninety-nine different texts. The main areas of study are math, English, history, geography, and foreign languages. All candidates must participate in sports as a vital part of conditioning.

Mr. Skolnick remarked, "The thing that impressed me most was the discipline."

The cadets, when asked for their opinions on the academy, gave such answers as, "You need a sense of humor." "You've got to know how to say, 'Yes, sir'." "You must be able to ride with the discipline."

Further information on the Air Force Academy is available from the Guidance Director.

Gail Lawson, Michelle Rys Flower Show Entrants

Two girls from Agawam High School entered the Flower Show Pageant this year. Gail Lawson, our band majorette, and Michelle Rys became contestants by applying according to an article in the newspaper.

The girls met on the first day of the Flower Show, February 26, and were introduced to the public. Each was given a date on which she would be judged.

On March 3 the final judging occurred. The girls were given long stemmed red roses and named for a flower. Gail Lawson, wearing a pale aqua full length gown, was voted one of the ten semi-finalists. Her name was Miss Morning Glory. The girls both agreed that it was an exciting experience which they enjoyed very much.

There's nothing worth the wear of winning
But laughter and the love of friends.
— HILAIRE BELLOC

"Bells Are Ringing" Leads

Gail Cote

John Burns

Smooth Seniors Victorious Over Faculty Fumblers; Hilarious Game Realizes $500 For Scholarships

The riotous basketball game between the fumbling faculty and the smooth seniors took place in the Agawam High School gym on February 28.

The faculty team entered the gym, fashionably dressed in *Vogue's* latest styles. The coach, Mr. Sheehan, wore a lovely blue frock with matching bonnet and size 18B sneakers. Mr. Sheehan's team members were similarly dressed in bright capes and gowns, and a few heads were even adorned with wigs, a must in high-society basketball circles.

The team members were lined up and introduced to the spectators: Powerful Pete Mazza, 128 lbs., 3'2"; Mr. Lyon (alias "Roar"), 320 lbs., 6'8½", etc. Other members of the team included Mr. Brennan, Mr. Chrisanthopoulos, Mr. Drabik, Mr. Ferranti, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. O'Keefe, Mr. Petrone, Mr. Rovelli, Mr. Talmadge, and Mr. Weiner.

Soon, of course, the seniors entered the gym. They were not as well dressed as the faculty, but they had not been advised that formal dress was required! After brief and modest introductions of the team members, Stanley Bubien, Eddie Harashuk, John Klenakis, Jack Michalak, John O'Keefe, Larry Rinaldi, David Robinson, and coach, Dan DiBiasio, the cheerleaders for the faculty entered. The cheerleaders, Susan Brignoli, Pat Cardone, Shirley Cimma, Beverly Couture, Joanne Desaulniers, Judy Herzog, Dona Mercadante, and Jean Voislow, were fastidiously attired in white shirts and ties and blue dungarees.

In addition to Agawam High's regular varsity cheerleaders, a few "graceful" senior boys took on roles of cheerleaders. The boys even assumed stage names for the occasion, becoming Josephine DiDonato, Roberta Sonsini, Jennifer DeVecchi, Abigail Bonivita, Maggie Cincotta, Plain Jane O'Malley, and Joan Morassi.

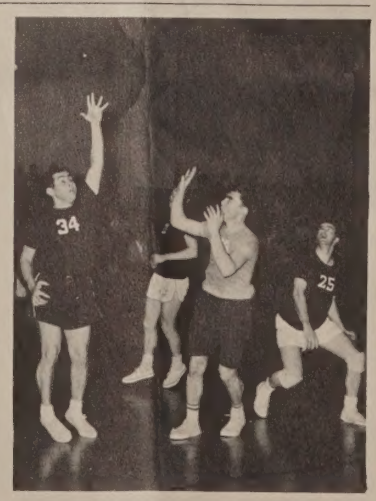
The game finally got under way. The faculty scored the first six points; but the seniors soon warmed up, and the score at half-time was heavily in the seniors' favor.

During half-time the spectators were entertained by a mock game between the faculty women and the varsity cheerleaders. The game was side-splitting. The faculty women's team had a slight edge on the girls' team chiefly because the faculty had two "ringers," gym teachers Miss Hastings and Miss Sycoura, on their team. Other faculty members were Mrs. Balsewicz, Miss Cofrancesco, Miss Durkan, Miss Marieb, and Mrs. Sheehan. The teachers won.

Following the mock basketball game between the faculty women and cheerleaders, the faculty men versus the seniors resumed once again, although the game proved a hopeless cause for the faculty. When the buzzer sounded the end of the last quarter, the score was 59 to 30 in the seniors' favor!

The game proved to be exciting and fun-filled, providing hilarious entertainment for over one thousand spectators and raising $500 to be used for scholarships. It is a shame that the faculty lost, but cheer up, faculty! With a lot of practice, you will be in better shape next year! See you then?!

It is not the oath that makes us believe the man, but the man the oath.
— AESCHYLUS



Faculty and students mix it up during their crowd-pleasing match. Although played in a spirit of fun, the game has its serious aspects, as can be seen by the serious looks on the faces of Mr. Mazza, Mr. Lyon, John Michalak, and Mr. Sheehan in the picture on the right. Miss Durkan, in the picture on the left, shows that she isn't above the battle, either.

"BELLS ARE RINGING" PLAYS TO ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCES

"Bells Are Ringing" may best be described as a "rollicking success" which played to an enthusiastic audience for three consecutive evenings.

Gale Cote as Ella Peterson reached the zenith of her high school musical career as she "belted out" song after song with professional polish and finesse.

John Burns typified perfectly the debonair, carefree bachelor struggling to reach literary fame but distressingly side-tracked by the gay party life in which he is ensnared. Both Gale and John appeared to enjoy themselves immensely and an atmosphere of natural relaxation and reality was communicated rather than a strained, tense atmosphere.

Perhaps one of the most talented students ever to participate in an Agawam High School musical production is Robert Osolinski. He played the musically inclined and rather scatter-brained Dr. Ketchell. Each appearance of the frustrated dentist brought enthusiastic applause from the audience. Bob's talent and ease belie his sophomore status and Agawam High School students have great expectations for Bob's future performances.

Linda Barufaldi and Robert Guidetti were one of the most humorous combinations ever viewed on the Agawam High School stage. Bob's antics as the scheming bookie, Sandor, and Linda's enthusiastic portrayal of the zany Sue of Susanswerphone were second to none.

Nancy Schmidt did a fine job in her role and her sensibility and calmness was an apt foil to Ella's and Sue's dizzy natures.

Due credit must also be given to such indispensable participants as the dancers, under the capable choreography of Mrs. Stratton, the stage chorus, and the pit chorus. The band, of course, more than adequately set the frivolous atmosphere for the play. The stage and lighting crew under Mr. Bale did an excellent job and were provided with vivid scenery by the Art Department under Miss Schilling.

Superb casting and inate ability coupled with skilled direction under Miss Marieb and Mr. Davis and faithful support of all involved were responsible for a professional and hilarious production.

Model Congress To Meet Next Month

Once again American International College will sponsor the annual Model Congress. The mock Congress will be held on April 3 and 4.

The representatives from Agawam High School are as follows: Linda Barufaldi, Kenric Gallano, Charles Guyotte, David Robinson, and Patricia Salmonsen. Alternates are Marsha Della-Giustina and Zenon Stelmak. Mr. Edward Brennan is the advisor.

The six New England states and New York State are represented by the many participating high school students. The two-day event starts on Friday morning as "senators" and "representatives" register for the Congressional session. In the afternoon the students participate in committee meetings where various bills are discussed and voted upon. The college will host a lobbying party on Friday evening.

Each school is allowed to submit two bills. David Robinson's bill deals with the abolition of residency requirements for federal elections; Patricia Salmonsen's bill deals with educational tax exemptions.

Saturday morning, Congress will convene. The members will go to their respective houses where they will pass sentence on various bills. At seven o'clock in the evening, an award dinner will be held and the winners will be announced. First prize is a one year scholarship to AIC. Second and third prizes are one-semester scholarships to AIC.

The purpose of the Model Congress is to acquaint students with their form of government and to increase their responsibility to their country.

Chemistry Classes Visit Shawinigan

Two chemistry classes had the opportunity to tour the Shawinigan Resins Corporation on February 25.

Mr. Suzor's class and a class of Mr. Chrisanthopoulos participated in the field trip.

The day began with a lecture concerning the relation of chemistry to industry.

Students were later grouped into five divisions and toured the plant. Each viewed experiments performed by Shawinigan chemists.

Honor Students To Attend Shakespeare Fete

Because Agawam High School has long supported the American Shakespeare Festival Theatre, Miss Miller and four honor students have been invited to the 400th Anniversary of the Birth of William Shakespeare, at Stratford, Connecticut.

Guests will attend the theatre performance of *Much Ado About Nothing* at 2:30 P.M. preceded at 2:00 P.M. by a special ceremony and tribute to William Shakespeare.

The honor students attending will be presented with memorial certificates that are being prepared for the occasion. Each group will be photographed also. Soft drinks, coffee, and a special birthday cake will be provided.

A total of one hundred schools have been invited to attend this anniversary celebration. This includes schools in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Massachusetts.

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AHS TRAINING GROUND FOR 6 PRACTICE TEACHERS

Six practice teachers are at Agawam High School this term to receive actual teaching experience. The majors range from English to zoology. Two colleges, American International College and the University of Massachusetts, are represented by the six young people.

Mr. Patrick Egan, a student at American International College, is teaching English under the direction of Miss Eleanor Miller. He graduated from Agawam High School in 1960. He finds the students of his alma mater "friendly and co-operative." For the most part, he added, they are "willing to do work."

Mr. Egan played college hockey for two years and also played golf. He considers teaching to be "very interesting."

"It's quite a challenge to get on the other side of the desk," he says.

Another English major, Miss Christine Ranta, is teaching under Mr. John Petrone, who she thinks "is just fabulous!" Miss Ranta is a senior at the University of Massachusetts where she is vice-president of the Tri Sigma Sorority, dorm counselor, and an active member of various clubs. She graduated from Oliver Ames High School in Easton, Massachusetts. Of AHS she comments, "I like it very much. The students and faculty are very friendly and the atmosphere is quite relaxed."

When she isn't studying, Miss Ranta spends here free time knitting and reading. She says of practice teaching, "I think it will prove interesting!"

Mr. Cas Lopata, a political science major at American International College, is gaining teaching experience in Mr. Mazza's classroom. A Ludlow High graduate, Mr. Lopata thinks AHS, "has a very nice atmosphere to teach in. The building is pleasant and students are quite friendly and co-operative." Folk music, hockey, and swimming take up most of this blond Zeta Chi Fraternity member's spare time. Of practice teaching he says, "It's quite different from what I had expected. It's difficult to be a teacher in the daytime and a student in the evening! However, I'm slowly making the adjustment!"

"I think Agawam High is fine. I really enjoy teaching here!" replied Miss Cynthia Ward, a student at the University of Massachusetts. A graduate of Technical High School in Springfield, Miss Ward is teaching math under the supervision of Mrs. Miriam Sherman. Miss Ward commented that student teaching is giving her practical experience for next year. Her outside activities include swimming — she teaches a synchronized swimming club — and she is also secretary of the Math Club at UMass.

Miss Noreen Erat is teaching in the commercial department under the direction of Miss Frances Confrancesco. After here graduation from Easthampton High School, Miss Erat attended Northampton Commercial College and then transferred in 1962 to American International College where she is majoring in Business Education. Although practice teaching takes up most of here time, she manages to find time to belong to the Bowling Club and Alpha Upsilon Sorority. She says, "I like practice teaching very much. I'm really going to enjoy teaching next year."

And last, but not least, is our zoology major, Mr. Fred Thurberg who is teaching under Mr. Joseph Faucette. A University of Massachusetts senior, Mr. Thurberg thinks AHS is "friendly, apparently well-equipped, and well-staffed." His home is Holbrook, Massachusetts, where he graduated from Holbrook High School. Mr. Thurberg's college activities include membership in the Senate of the Student Government and Executive Council, swimming team, and several clubs. He finds student teaching very interesting and difficult!

Mr. Thurberg spends his time sailing, swimming, and skiing when he isn't dissecting an animal for his zoology courses!

There is a profile of the six young student teachers who are now gaining invaluable experience and learning new methods by instructing the students of Agawam High School.

Pictured above is one of Agawam's most popular racconteurs, coaches, and teachers, Mr. Sheehan, as he appeared for work on St. Patrick's Day, (of course).

Spanish Club Inducts 6 New Members

At its February meeting, the Spanish Club inducted six new members into the Agawam chapter of the Spanish National Honor Society, *Lope deVega.*

Sharon Chandler, Margaret Cleary, Kathy Flynn, Gail Lawson, Christine Parrow, and Larry Scherpa qualified for the national organization by having maintained an eighty-five average in Spanish for a year and a half and having been active in the Spanish Club.

Robert Oppenheimer, president, and Betsy Donovan, vice-president, led the induction ceremonies which consisted of taking a pledge in Spanish promising the continuance of the study of the language as a means to better understanding among peoples of the world. This was followed by the presentation of certificates of the society.

Paulette Morse then related the life of the Spanish playwright, Lope deVega, for whom the Agawam High chapter of the Spanish National Honor Society is named.

AHS students are shown browsing through the many fine paperback books during the Book Fair held in the school library. The Fair's director, Mrs. Holmes, declared the Fair a success both in terms of student interest and financially.

What Is Courage?

There are many kinds of courage —mental courage, physical courage, and spiritual courage. Webster defines courage as "that quality of mind which enables one to meet danger and difficulties with firmness," but this is merely general courage. Specific courage is the everyday kind with which we live.

Courage is self-denial.
Courage is meeting new people.
Courage is coming home after wrecking the family car.
Courage is asking for the car the week after you wrecked it.
Courage is self-analysis.
Courage is apologizing.
Courage is giving your opinion when it is different.
Courage is doing something for the first time.
Courage is loving what is forsaken by the world because it is different.
Courage is saying no.
Courage is giving up the last of something you love.
Courage is giving your cat's kittens away.
Courage is staying home on Saturday night to do a term paper.
Courage is going on a diet.
Courage is admitting that you were wrong.
Courage is non-conformity when you are misunderstood for it.
Courage is walking down a dark street at night.
Courage is the opposite of cowardice.

Courage is all this and more. No matter how little or how deeply hidden it may be, courage dwells within all of us. Courage is part of life.

Marcia Stewart

DEAR GREEK

Dear Greek:

My mother keeps hollering at me because I never set a table right. What is the proper way to serve a table and why?

No Table Manners

Dear No Table Manners:

Some people will probably tell you that the fork should go to the right and some will tell you it should go to the left. But I know the *real* answer, which has come down through my family for ages. Actually, there is only one rule every one must go by and that is the knife and fork. Nothing else matters but the knife and fork. They cannot be on the same side of the plate. This is important and should be repeated. The knife and fork should not be used on the same side of the plate. The reason for this is that if you have a person on either side of you, you have to protect your food. If someone on your right likes your cole slaw and grabs for it, you can jab at his hand. If the person on your lift likes your parsley, you can take care of him with your knife in time. These are Greek's rules for etiquette and should be followed.

Greek

(Have problems? Send them to Greek, c/o Room 2 for solution.)

The Clothes Line

Hurrah! Spring is almost here and color is bursting out all over! The ultra, ultra feminine look is dominating the scene. Luscious yellows and subtle pinks are the popular colors for spring's bright days. Cranberry, especially in perky cottons, will also be in vogue this season.

Suits will be of just about every material from madras to soft linen. White A-line coats accompanied by little-girlish straw hats trimmed with velvet ribbons will lead the Easter Parade.

Shoes are going bare. The cut-out look on low and medium heels is as "in" as the Beatles! Sling backs, inset straps, and T-straps will accessorize most new spring outfits.

For dreamy, romantic evenings delicate lace in pastel shades will set any young man's heart aflame. Also, soft pastel crepes worn with matching mohair jackets will be popular.

The soft, natural look is what fashion is striving for this spring. Teased hair is as "out" as the bustle. Hair should be long, silky, and brushed 100 strokes every night! A velvet or satin hair bow with long, vampish bangs is very popular.

This spring will be the best one yet. Keep your spirits bright and sunny and have a wardrobe to match.

FTA Visits Schools

Members of the Future Teachers of America Club visited some of the Agawam public schools on Wednesday, March 11. The students observed two classes at the school of their choice. Among schools visited were Robinson, Phelps, South Street, and Danahy.

The FTA members left following fourth period to attend the classes at the respective schools. At the schools the students observed the pupils, the teaching methods, the discipline, and general atmosphere of the classes.

The officers of the club are as follows: President, Marsha Della-Guistina; Vice President, Linda Barufaldi; Secretary, Susan Bates; Treasurer, Christine Jeserski. Miss Emily McCormick is the advisor to the club.

But whether on the scaffold high
Or in the battle's ban,
The fittest place where man can die
Is where he dies for man!

— MICHAEL JOSEPH BARRY

SCENE AND HERD

Wonder if Sue Gagnon has taken over Chicopee High School now that she has a Chicopee sweatshirt, watch, tie clip, ring, and a certain football player neamed Kenny!!

Paul Oliver had better quit drawing cars, or he will turn into a motor!! Speaking of motors, Paul, what is so interesting at South Street School?!!

Faye Connaughton and Pat Capitanio had better destroy their notes which have become a problem in democracy!!!

Tami Astifan has earned her new nickname," "the Black Avenger," since she has been prospering in the blackmailing business! Two cents a day?

Bobby Daigneau surely rung up a telephone bill during his stay in the hospital! Seems he like to see how many girls he can handle in one month! You will never make it as a Romeo, Bobby!!

"Petunia" Borgatti had a hard time holding on to her shoe! Still can't figure out why Carl didn't run to her rescue?

Gary Cahill should become the next Postmaster-General after the skill he has acquired through his postal service!!!

Woody Brown certainly proved he had lots of hot air when he blew up Marsha's two-foot balloons!!

Betsy Donovan has been debating about trading her red Corvair in for a white one. Tommy certainly is trying his best to convince her that the white one is best!!!

Della Gagliarducci certainly has a great time at parties! Her new "Dr. Gag" really had "Rudolph "Salmonsen swinging around in circles!!

Wonder what Nancy Montessi is so happy about? She always has a bright smile on her face!!

Carol Bartolucci stashes away soda bottles whenever she gets a chance! It seems she is always treating everyone to cokes!!

Bobby Mosher—Doesn't your girl ever act serious??

Sharon Strole isn't too happy now that Jimmy has a new job from 4 to 9 Tuesday thru Saturday! Guess you two kids will have to go out Sunday afternoons instead!!

Sue Bourbonnais — Thought you said you would never go steady again!!

Lloyd Long seems to be very interested in Tech affairs! Especially those involving a certain Sally!!

Billy Higgins and Linda Macey certainly look great on television together! And in the corridors, too!

Linda Cook is trying hard to become the world's Number One jump-roper on the trampoline! Her record is 500 spins with the rope!

Congratulations go to Teddy and Sherry for putting up with each other for one whole year!!

John Burns seems to be awfully proud of his feet! He loves to display them in the Art Room!!!

Darlene Potts — What is this about breaking up Gail and Joe with science fiction?!

Most women are not so young as they are painted.

— SIR MAX BEERBOHM

The Vision

I heard the splashing of the silvery rain
Fall from the skies upon my window pane.
I looked and there before my eyes I saw,
A vision of a beauty from afar.

The grass came forth and clothed the earth with green.
The flowers raised their faces to be seen.
At last the wint'ry white was washed away,
And Spring, Oh! Welcome Spring, was here to stay.

Then from this wak'ning vision I did see,
Appear a lovely lady 'neath a tree.
She clasped her hands and knelt in silent prayer,
And whispered words of love so soft and clear.

She was to me a beauteous breath of Spring,
Whose every step would hasten birds to sing.
Her glowing face shown as a radiant beam,
Like many thousand brilliant stars that gleam.

At last she stood and then the rain did cease.
I sighed, for now the world was robed in peace.
She lifted up her slender arms and then,
My eyes ne'er saw her lovely sight again.

Long shall my mem'ry hold this vision dear,
For I beheld a glimpse of life so near.
Enjoy the beauty given by God Above,
Fair lads, encircle all your life with love.

Norma Jane Cirillo

SENIOR SILHOUETTES

Pictured above are this issue's senior silhouettes. Left to right (standing), Robert Salmonsen and Lenora Pupello; (seated), Robert Oppenheimer, Susan Ruckstuhl, and Tom Daigneau.

Lenora Pupello

Lenora Pupello is probably best recognized by everyone in school as the cheerleader with the gleaming black hair and adorable smile. But she is even better known by closest friends as a witty, considerate, and active senior.

Besides being a cheerleader, Lenora is business manager of the *Mirror,* a member of the Library Staff, Ski Club, Personality Club, and National Honor Society.

Outside of school Lenora manages to hold a part-time job and skis avidly in here spare time.

When asked about here senior status, Lenora replied, "I have waited four years to become a senior, anr now that it has arrived, I don't feel any different!"

Lenora has many favorites. Her favorite color is pink (which looks striking with her dark hair). Her favorite foods are turkey and chocolate cake and her favorite music is that of the Beetles'!

Lenora's pet peeve is people who are not on time. She considers her most rewarding experience to be getting her driver's license after three tries!

Lenora's ideal boy has blond hair and blue eyes and has just jointed a fraternity att he University of Massachusetts. His name is George Bourgeois.

In the future Lenora would like to attend Westfield States College and eventually become an elementary school teacher.

Robert Oppenheimer

One of Agawam's best known students is Bob Oppenheimer. He is involved in so many activities that he has already enough time to engage in many of his favorite pasttimes, such as drawing.

Bob is president of the National Honor Society, president of the Spanish Club, and is a member of the Student Patrol. He has also participated in the operetta "Annie Get Your Gun," and has been a member of the Archery Club.

Out of school Bob works at Keefe Florists. He also serves as president of the youth group of his church. Last year Bob was chosen to represent Agawam at Boys' State where he had a wonderful time.

Some of Bob's favorites are roast beef and the color blue. He also enjoyed reading *Lord Jim.*

One of Bob's most exciting experiences was working at the Pepsi-Cola plant in Texas two summers ago. He met many Spanish-speaking people on whom he tested his knowledge of Spanish. The most embarrassing experience he can recall accurred last year when he forgot to bring flowers to his date for the Caberet!

Bob's ideal girl is one who is attractive and intelligent. Also, she should have big, brown eyes.

Bob would like to attend Trinity College and major in pre-med. He would eventually like to become a doctor in the field of obstetrics.

Robert Salmonsen

Robert Salmonsen, commonly known as "Bub", can usually be found at his post studying his French or if weather permits, on a golf course.

Bub is one of the humorous members of the Senior Class and his outgoing personality usually affects everyone who knows him. He says he enjoys being a senior. "It's loads of laughs," he says. "There are greater responsibilities but a lot of liberties."

His favorite subjects are trigonometry with Miss Smith and calculus with Mr. Burke. He describes both as interesting but also says he likes to listen to the records there.

Bub plans to attend college after graduating and major in American studies. Then he plans on becoming a "golf bum!" His aim in life is to be financially comfortable and pleased in what he is doing.

Bub was seen in the Senior Class play, *Anne Frank,* as Mr. Frank. He is an active member in many school events and a member of the student patrol.

His favorite sport, of course, is golf. Besides golf Bub enjoys water skiing and sailing. He had his most embarrassing and exciting experiences in these sports. When teeing off at a country club one afternoon, Bub swung and the ball took a peculiar curve and hit the club house instead of the first green!

His most exciting experiences were water skiing during a shark scare that he didn't know about at the time and a trip to Bermuda.

Bub's idea of an ideal girl is a 5 foot 5 inch brunette who is friendly with a nice smile and a nice personality. She shouldn't be a great talker and must like to stay inside? She must be lots of laughs and like to water ski.

Bub's favorite food is roast beef and goats' milk. Ugh! His favorite songs are many. He particularly likes "Green Onions," "Surfing," and the theme from "Exodus." If one hears, "Plan it casual" while walking through the corridors, it can usually be traced to Bub.

Thomas Daigneau

A very versatile senior, Thomas Daigneau has a particular interest in the field of dramatics. He can be well remembered for his excellent portrayal of Mr. Van Daan in the Senior Class play. His equally good interpretation of Signor Petti in *John Doe* has demonstrated Tommy's acting ability.

His most rewarding experience, of course, deals with the senior play.

"I'll never forget working with the kids in the senior play and how everything worked out fine! And especially the way I pinched Miep's cheeks!" he declares.

This busy senior, who can always be found in the library stamping books, has also found time to be on the Library Staff, Book Fair Committee, and to participate in the operettas!

"Being a senior," mused dark-haired, friendly Tommy, "makes you feel you have finally accomplished a goal. I've made so many more friends this year!"

Although Tommy's last name is very deceiving, he is Italian through and through! Italian foods rate at his dinner table and Columbus Day is "the best day of the whole year!"

This senior's ideal girl " has to be quiet, but active in school affairs. She also must have brown hair and drive a red Corvair!"

During the summer, Tom spends all his time at the Agawam Y Day Camp where he is camp crafts director. He enjoyed that experience immensely.

"I like working with the kids and those breaks were a riot!" he says.

When asked about his outside activities, Tommy quipped, "I love wild parties!" Also bowling and "getting into trouble with Bobby!" take up much of his time.

His pet peeve coincides with his love for parties, especially surprise parties! "I dislike people who go to parties and gape at everyone else dancing and having a good time!"

Although Tommy said he had "about 40 embarrassing situations to choose from," he decided his most embarrassing experience occurred during the senior play dress rehearsal. Since Mr. Van Daan was supposed to be plump, Tommy had to either gain fifty pounds or be stuffed with pillows! Well, he was stuffed — "My padded stomach fell out onto the stage and the whole cast broke up into hysterics!"

After graduation Tommy would like to work for the Federal government and eventually enter the Secret Service. He jokingly said that his immediate plans were " to do my English homework, or I won't have any future plans!"

Susan Ruckstuhl

"My senior year is the happiest year in my life, but it is also the saddest because I will be leaving all my friends at A.H.S. in June," says Susan Ruckstuhl, a friendly senior.

Sue has been a very active school citizen during her high school years. Highlights or her school career include membership in the Color Guard, Ski Club, Library Staff, and Personality Club.

Sue blushed as she reminisced of her most exciting experience. She stated reluctantly, "I fell off a horse and broke my toe."

When asked what she would like to change in the school, Sue replied emphatically, "to have better ventilators in the chemistry labs."

Rare steak, is Sue's favorite food and her favorite record is "Wonderful, Wonderful" by Johnny Mathis. Of course, her favorite singing group is none other than the popular "Beetles." Sue is also very partial to the color yellow.

Sue's ideal boy must be intelligent, athletic, understanding, and have black hair, brown eyes, and senior status.

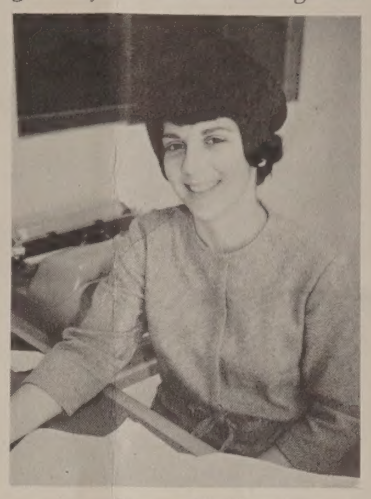
Inconsiderate people is Sue's pet peeve.

"I don't believe it," a frequently uttered statement by Sue, was probably also said when she learned of her acceptance to the University of Massachusetts. She remarked, "I didn't think they would *ever* accept me!" Sue will attend the U. of M. where she plans to major in merchandising.

Nancy Cirillo New Guidance Secretary

Nancy Cirillo, who was recently named as Mr. Skolnick's and Mr. Porter's girl Friday, is shown above at work during a "free' period. Nancy replaces Miss Beverly Malone, who has been promoted to Superintendent Clark's office.

Miss Malone was feted at a party given by the teachers of Agawam



Nancy Cirillo

High School and received a piece of luggage and a patent leather handbag.

Nancy Cirillo is well-qualified for her new job having been an honor student all four years at Agawam High School, secretary of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Personality and Latin Clubs.

Nancy is now preparing for her new job during her free periods and will start to work full-time May 15.

THE FLOWER

The midnight took the cold of winter
Replaced it with the warmth of spring;
The sun arose and cast a splinter
Of light which made the robbins sing.
The snow had slowly left the earth,
And grass grew greener day by day;
The trees were soon to give new birth
While lifting up their limbs to pray.
A speck of green came from the ground
And burst into a flaming red.
A honey bee flew round and round
Then stole the pollen as he fled.
The flower stood the summer's warmth;
It bore the pelting summer rain
Upon her tiny petaled arms;
She drooped but raised her face again.
But when the summer left the earth,
The bitter cold came to reside;
As winter sang her mournful dirge
To all, the flaming flower died.

Nancy Cirillo

I sit beside my lonely fire
And pray for wisdom yet:
For calmness to remember
Or courage to forget.

— CHARLES HAMILTON AIDE

THE STORM

The stage is set, an arena full.
The town is calm; the sky is tense.
Each cloud waits in his seat above,
Awaits his chance to challenge man
To game of death, or victory sweet.
Their champion now is upon the scene,
To challenge man — this is his dream.
A fight to death must now be met,
Or man must fall to Nature's call.
Swing down thou flashing silver sword,
And with thy guiding clouded hand
Strike out in argent anger here.
Victorious blade that breaks the night,
The gladiator of thy flight,
Shall this thy storm roll on tonight,
Or be slashed down, its glory crowned,
To horror of defeated plight?
'Tis death thou bring, destruction too;
But man is brave—he shall survive.
His freedom won, man stands to see
The sun break through, a shining ray.
As all who come to wage earth's fight
Must strike through storm to victory.

Martha Sharritt

These Golden Years

These golden years we all will cherish,
For now and ever more.
The time in which our minds were taught
To grasp and to explore.
This knowledge which we have been gaining,
We now can put to use.
No matter where our paths may lead us,
No matter what we choose.
Success in life is our main goal,
A goal not all will reach,
For many it is just a dream,
Like an image in our sleep.
Or a flash of light across the sky
Or the newborn babe whose mother dies.
And when our dreams of joy seem lost
With our dreams of distant journey,
Stop! and say,
"Just a minute" — and our minute
Extends into eternity.

Mario Pioggia

LUCKY RECORD WINNER

The lucky record winner of last month was English teacher Mrs. Nardi. Mrs. Nardi's nine year old daughter quickly relieved her of the Beatles Album as soon as Mrs. Nardi entered her home. When asked her reaction to winning the record, Mrs. Nardi answered, "My daughter is thrilled! She has claimed it!"

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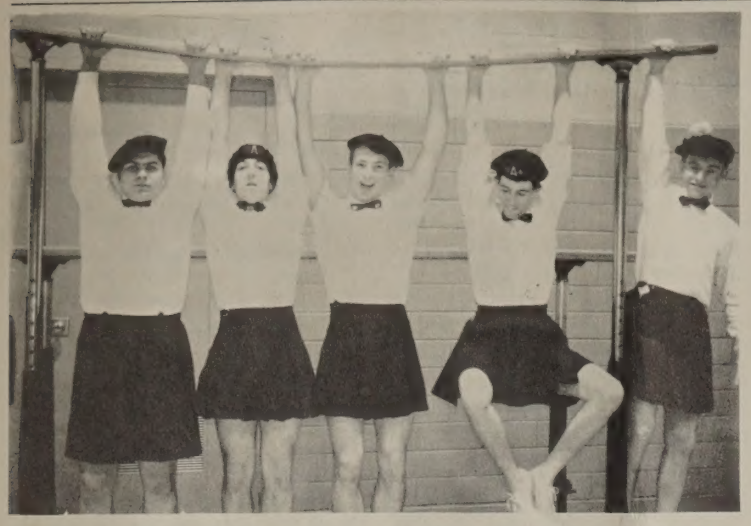


Peppy "cheerleaders" limber up to cheer the boys to victory in the BATTLE OF THE SEXES basketball game. Left to right are John Klenakis, Bruce Emerson, Bobby Morin, Don Cavanaugh, and Art Foley. The girls' team provided worthy opposition to the boys who were decked in swim flippers and boxing gloves. The game abounded in hilarious antics such as tickling, "flipper stomping", and piggy-back basket shots. As effective as the boys were, the girls emerged victorious.

PROVO AND ROBINSON NAMED ALL-STARS

Sam Provo and Dave Robinson were recently named to the Valley Wheel (Wright Division) All-Star teams in basketball and hockey respectively.

Provo, with a 17 point average, made starting guard, while Robinson, scoring 13 goals, made second string at the center position.

Mike Natale, Rich Durant, Jack Decker, and Fran Arnold all received honorable mention for the Wright Division All-Star team.

Winter Sports Roundup

The 1964 Agawam High School winter sports program is over. The end of the season finds the basketball team in third place of the Valley Wheel with a 10–10 over-all record. The hockey team finished in fifth place of the Wright Division with a 2–11–2 record.

The basketball team got off to a slow start this season by losing their first six games, most by very close scores. The Brownies then found the winning range by beating their next eight opponents, forcing a showdown game with Easthampton, for the league lead in which the Brownies were narrowly beaten. Sophomore Sam Provo was the team's leading scorer averaging about sixteen points a game. Mr. Kibbe can look for a bright future with Rick Morin, Bob Leger, Bob Polopek, and Sam Provo, who have gained valuable varsity experience this past season. Other key men during the season included Bob Morin, Howie Masher, Rich Chandler, John Michalak, and Wayne Morse.

The hockey team was faced with a lack of depth, consequently, Coach Fassnacht was forced to use players who had never seen varsity action. The high point of the season was the game with Chicopee Comprehensive which the squad won 6–1. In that game Bob Polopek scored a hat trick, three goals, with Dave Robinson and Dan DeBiasio adding the other scores. Robinson was the leading scorer for the team with goals and assists placing him ninth among the league scorers. A big surprise to Mr. Fassnacht was the fine play turned in by Fran Arnold. Fran scored 3 goals and 11 assists and has recently been elected along with Mike Natale as co-captain of next year's squad.

Ski Club at Mt. Snow

February 17–21 meant exciting skiing at Mt. Snow for approximately fifty members of the Ski Club. Mt. Snow, North America's foremost ski recort, presented excellent skiing conditions on its forty trails and slopes during this four day period. Besides innumerable slopes, Mt. Snow had good lift facilities — including nine double chairlifts — and one of the world's best ski schools. The heated outdoor swimming pool, the bobsled ride, and the indoor skating rink at Mt. Snow were features welcomed by many of the members.

After a hard day of skiing, the girls enjoyed the comforts of the Snow Barn with its unique, round fire place while the boys returned to La Morto's for their nightly lodging. Mr. Ashton, advisor of the Ski Club, acted as chaperon for the boys.

And Peace itself is war in Masquerade. — DRYDEN

Baseball Team Gets Early Start

Spring is here and along with spring comes baseball season. But, Mr. Faucette and the baseball team are one step ahead of spring. A group of about forty boys have been practicing baseball since the second of March. Because of a Western Massachusetts ruling, that spring football practice be stopped, the baseball team was fortunate to begin practice early and together.

The pitchers and catchers started practice on the second of March, and the rest of the team, the outfielders and infielders, joined practice sessions on the ninth.

Because of the changing weather, practice has been confined to the gym. Since the gym is small, only certain phases of baseball can be practiced, mainly throwing and conditioning. As soon as the weather allows, the boys will be outside and baseball practice will be in full swing.

Mr. Faucette will have many returning players from last year's varsity team. Returning pitchers include Bob Morin and John Michalak, catchers Ed Harashuk and Joe Ciborowski, infielders Dick Chandler, Bob Barnes, and Howard Mosher, outfielders Bob Polopek and Emile Barbero. These returnees, along with newcomers to the varsity, should combine to make an excellent team.

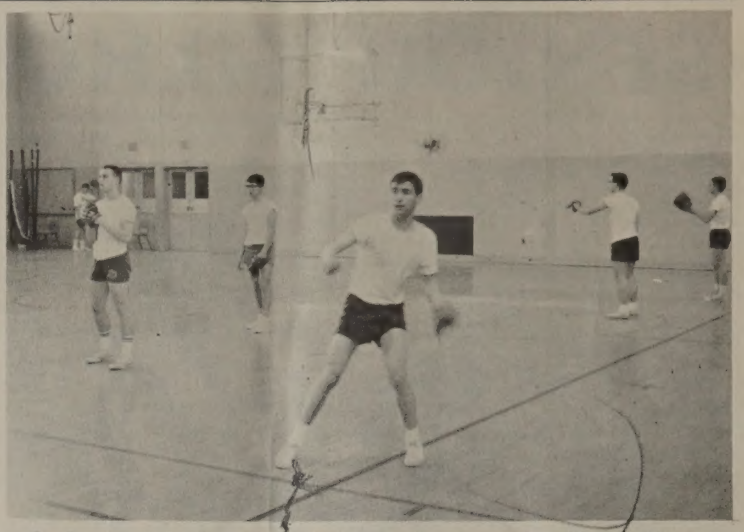
Eternal Love

My love for you will have no end.
It was not born; it will not die.
It's not for sale, nor there to lend,
But by your side will always lie.
Through my small acts to you I'll prove
That day by day my love will grow
More strong, more warm, and even smooth
Than that which now my heart does know.

Robert Oppenheimer

I love to watch the rooster crow,
He's like so many men I know
Who brag and bluster, rant and shout,
And beat their manly breast without
The first damn thing to crow about.

— JOHN KENDRICK BANGS



Spring can't be far off as the scene above would indicate. Shown warming up in the gym are foreground, left to right, Ron Provost and John Higgins; background, Bob Polopek, Russ Ramah, Jack Loncrini, and Wayne Kerez.

Words are not really needed here, but Jimmy DeVecchi's team must be losing.

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